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Ex-Prisoner In Laos Reunited With Family

Memphis, Aug. 21 (AP) — Edward R. Shore, Jr. returned home today after fifteen months as a prisoner of Laotian Communists and said, "The first thing I want to do is sleep."

Shore, one of five Americans released by the Communists Friday, was met at the airport by his weeping mother and beaming father after a jetliner brought him in on the last leg of a journey from Manila.

The family's farm home in nearby Gallaway, Tenn., will be the site of a three-week rest for the 30-year-old Shore before he goes to Washington to make plans for the future.

"I don't know about going back to the same kind of work," said Shore, "that's what I've got a leave to think over."

Shore was piloting a helicopter for Air America when his craft was forced down in the Laotian jungle by mechanical failure May 15, 1961. He had resigned his Army captain's commission to fly for the Government-backed private firm.